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TITLE OF INVENTION: PRECISION FIBER FERRULES

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	Kevin S Wood	2874

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1.  This communication is responsive to the Applicant's Amendment filed 21 July 2003.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-39 and 45-49.
3.  The drawings filed on 25 March 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*
  - c)  None
 of the:
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  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Brian Healy  
Primary Examiner

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. This action is responsive to the Applicant's Amendment filed 21 July 2003. Claims 1, 8-17, 21, 23-26, 33, 34 and 45-49 are now amended. Claims 40-44 are now canceled. No new claims have been added. Claims 1-39 and 45-49 are now pending in the application.
2. Based on the Applicant's Amendment, the rejections of claims 42-44 under U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, are withdrawn, because claims 42-44 are now canceled.

### ***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments, filed on 21 July 2003, with respect to claims 1-39 and 45-49 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of 1-39 and 45-49 have been withdrawn.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 1-39 and 45-49 are allowed.
5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Referring to claims 1-22 and 26-39, the prior art does not disclose the combination of all the limitations of the claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art does not disclose an optical ferrule where at least four optical fibers are positioned inside a

capillary within the ferrule, wherein the tolerance for the core concentricity of the optical fibers is equal to or less than 1.0  $\mu$ m.

Referring to claims 23-25, the prior art does not disclose the combination of all the limitations of the claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art does not disclose an optical subassembly including a ferrule formed from two wafers, where the ferrule includes at least one alignment groove which forms an alignment capillary when the two wafers are aligned, and wherein the ferrule comprises at least one alignment rod positioned in the alignment groove, with the tolerance for the diameter of the alignment rod is equal to or less than about 2.0  $\mu$ m.

Referring to claims 45-49, the prior art does not disclose the combination of all the limitations of the claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art does not disclose a fiber ferrule for use in multiple-port optical devices, wherein the ferrule has a capillary configuration selected from the group consisting of a dual-oval capillary, a four-circular capillary, and a capillary using at least one alignment washer.

### ***Conclusion***

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin S Wood whose telephone number is (703) 605-5296. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (7am - 5:30 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rodney B Bovernick can be reached on (703) 308-4819. The fax phone

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Primary Examiner